SHERLOCK BONES

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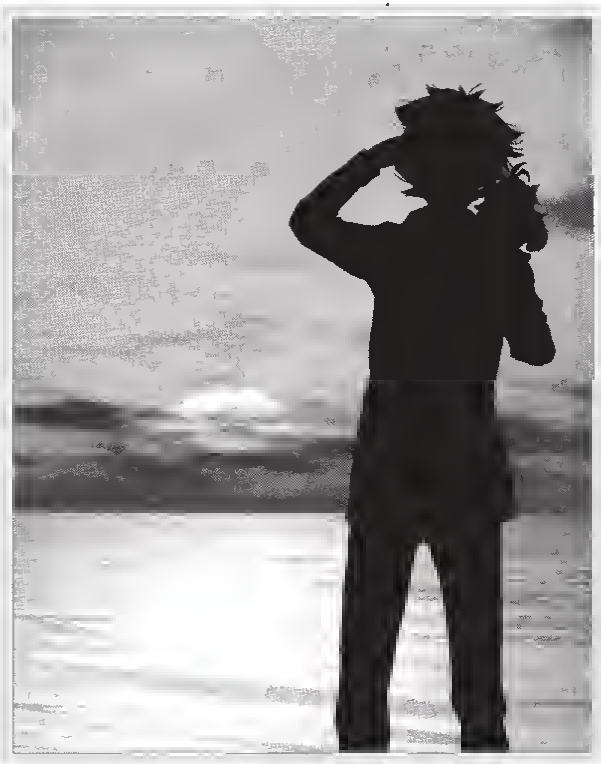

Sherdog & Takeru

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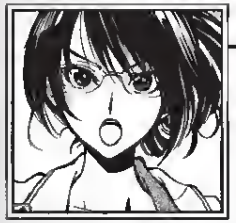
Kento Munakata

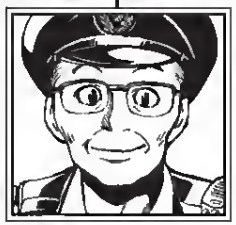
A career detective at the London Police Department, the same age as Takeru. An elite freshly back from New York, he boasts of his experience whenever he gets the chance.

Members of the Wajima Family



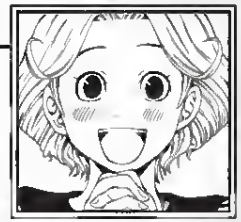
Airin Wajima

Takeru's sister, an inspector in the Violent Crimes Division, and a rather sexy woman. Sherdog calls her Irene.



Kōsuke Wajima

Takeru's father A sergeant in the police force.



Satoko Wajima

Takeru's mother. She really hates it when Sherdog sits in her favorite rocking chair.

STORY

THE STORY SO FAR

The puppy Sherdog—reincarnation of Sherlock Holmes—and his owner Takeru Wajima team up to solve tough cases!! Soon after Takeru is transferred to the London PD's detective division, a woman is found hanging by her neck from the water tower of her apartment building. The death is believed to be a suicide spurred on by a failed cosmetic surgery operation, but as Takeru delves into the case, he is convinced that it is murder. He suspects the doctor at the woman's former beauty clinic and begins to investigate!

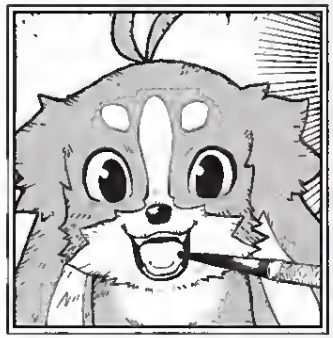
CHARACTERS

Takeru Wajima

A nineteen-year-old rookie police officer. He is Sherdog's owner and the one person who can understand him. He made a name for himself early in his career, and a special exception was made to transfer him to the detective department.

Sherdog

The mixed-breed puppy that Takeru adopted. His true identity is that of the world-famous detective, Sherlock Holmes. When he has the Wajima family's heirloom pipe in his mouth, he can speak to Takeru. He solves crimes with Takeru, learning about the modern world in the process



Miki Arisaka

Takeru's friend since childhood and currently a freshman at college An aspiring journalist, she works part-time at a newspaper company.

Nanami Akane

Takeru and Miki's classmate from high school. Her reputation was once saved by Takeru. She became a police officer, possibly to be with Takeru.

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Wow... there's a lot more to that suicide than I thought.
Yeah.
If Sherdog and I are right...
this is definitely a case of murder.
Even our paper...
Just has this tiny little story on it.
...But...
RUSTLE...

Case 9: ⚜ The Stolen Face, Part 4

Miki...
To destroy her face like that, and then kill her...
...if this is a murder...
I can never forgive him for doing this to a fellow woman!!

Clinic
Beauty
Maybe you could ask the patients of other beauty clinics in the neighborhood.
See if you can talk to people who have been to Hyper Beauty...

I have business cards as a reporter-in-training for Kodan News. Maybe I could do an interview...
Takeru! Is there anything I can do to help?
Thanks! That'd be a big help.
!

The thing is, the motive's too weak for murder.
Just because the girl hated him after a botched operation...
...
I don't think that's enough motivation to kill her and make it look like suicide.
Yeah... that's a good point...
Okay, leave it to me!
Thanks, Miki!!
But since it was the hater who was killed, there might be more to it...
HATED
KILLED
It's one thing if the patient hated him and wanted revenge.
You're a real life-saver.
There are a lot of answers I can't get as a detective—people get too guarded.
...
You're welcome!

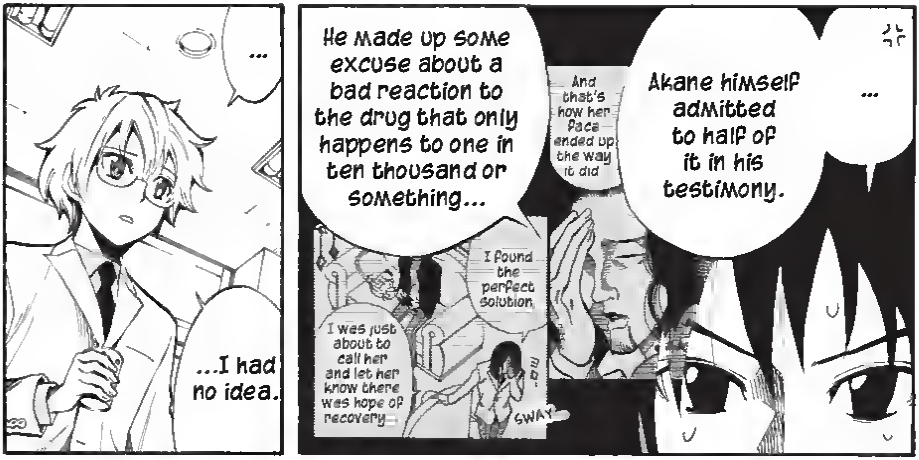
Good morning!
Yaaawn.

Good morning, Takeru-kun! Another peaceful morning in London, wouldn't you say?
It is not, and you know it!

It wasn't suicide!
?!

Remember that case yesterday? I've made some headway...
Oh, the suicide? What about it?

I know you're eager to prove yourself as the new detective, but come on.
...There you go, making snap judgments again.
It was homicide!
I'm sure of it!!
I went to Hoshiko Ikeda's beauty clinic.
And I spoke to the surgeon, Yoshito Akane!
Oh, I see.
It's not a snap judgment! I did some questioning.
Oh, really? And whom did you question?
Mm-hm.
And?
happened when Akane botched her surgery.
Apparently that facial disaster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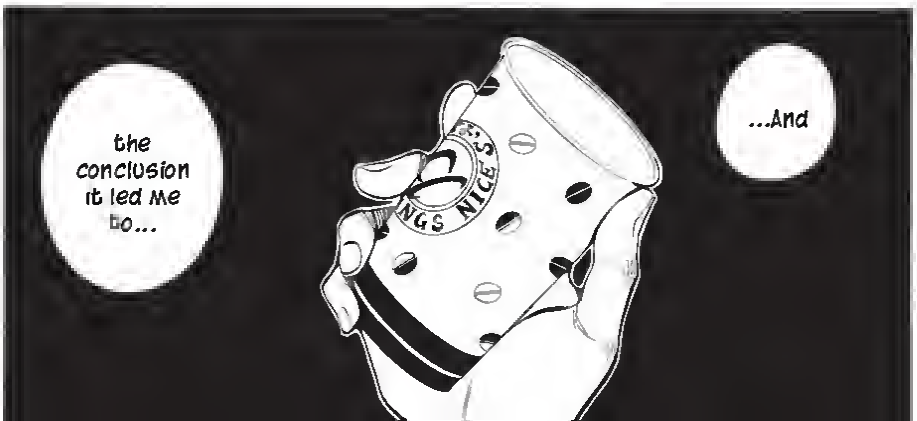
...I had no idea.
He made up some excuse about a bad reaction to the drug that only happens to one in ten thousand or something...
I was just about to call her and let her know there was hope of recovery...
I found the perfect solution.
SWAY
And that's how her face ended up the way it did
Akane himself admitted to half of it in his testimony.
...

Yes. I found a patient registration card and other stuff in all the evidence you collected.
PEEP!
...
IF YOU ALREADY KNEW, WHY DID YOU MAKE ME EXPLAIN?

What? Really?!
I'm not an idiot—I questioned Dr. Akane, too.
Not!
GULP GULP
ゴクゴク

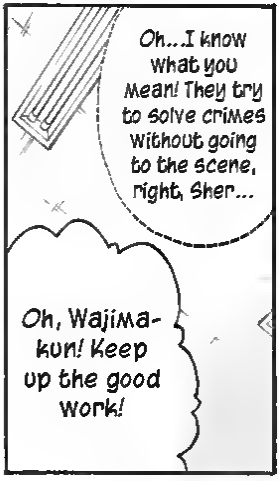

the conclusion it led me to...
...And

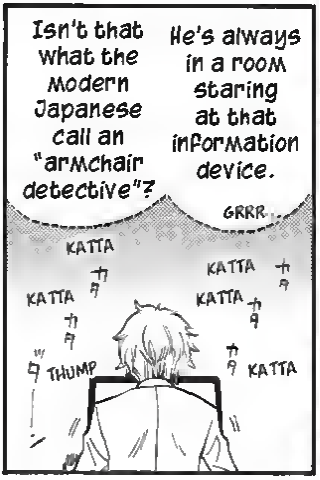
...is exactly what I first suspected.
This was a suicide.
!!
Reason number one: she left a handwritten note.
Reason number two: there are no suspects with a motive to kill her.
...And there were no signs of a break-in, remember?
So there you have it.
I...I'm telling you, Dr. Akane...

I doubt a failed surgery is sufficient motive for murder.
Anyone working in cosmetic surgery
knows that claims and lawsuits are part of the territory.
...

PSST
! Sherdog...
ARF!
Hmm, are all young elites like that these days?

But there aren't any holes in his logic...
Grr...! I know he's wrong.


Oh...I know what you mean! They try to solve crimes without going to the scene, right, Sher...
Oh, Wajima-kun! Keep up the good work!


Isn't that what the modern Japanese call an "armchair detective"?
He's always in a room staring at that information device.
GRRR
KATTA
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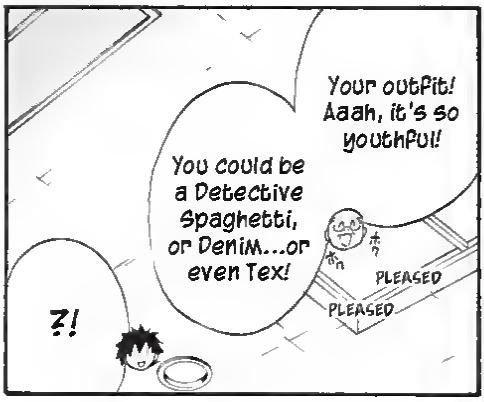
THUMP
KATTA


Your outfit! Aaah, it's so youthful!
You could be a Detective Spaghetti, or Denim...or even Tex!
PLEASED
PLEASED
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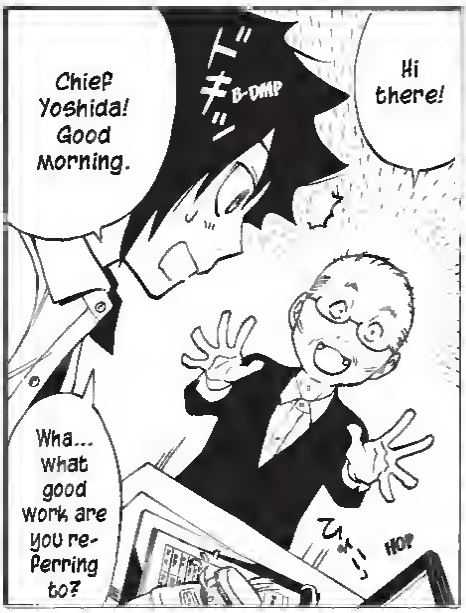
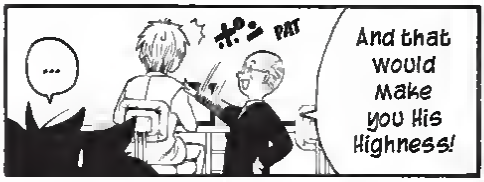
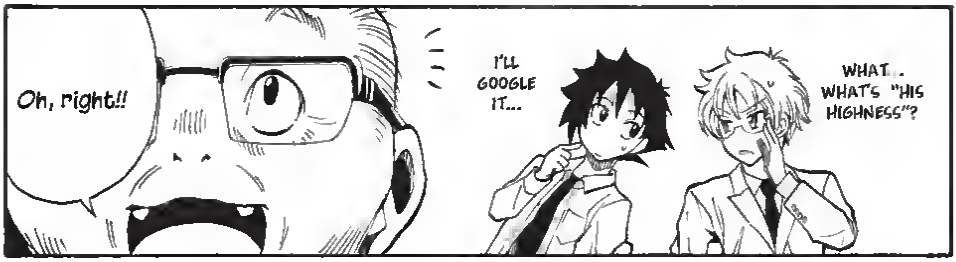

Hi there!
B-DUMP
Chief Yoshida! Good morning.
Wha... What good work are you re-Perring to?
HOP


...
PAT
And that would make you His Highness!


Oh, right!!
I'LL GOOGLE IT...
WHAT... WHAT'S "HIS HIGHNESS"?

But the London Precinct has decided to continue the investigation!
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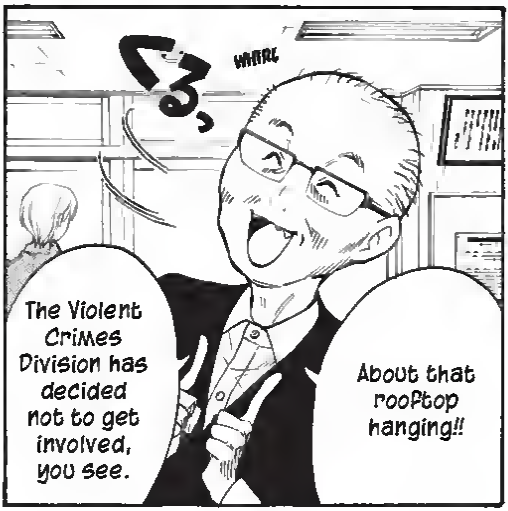
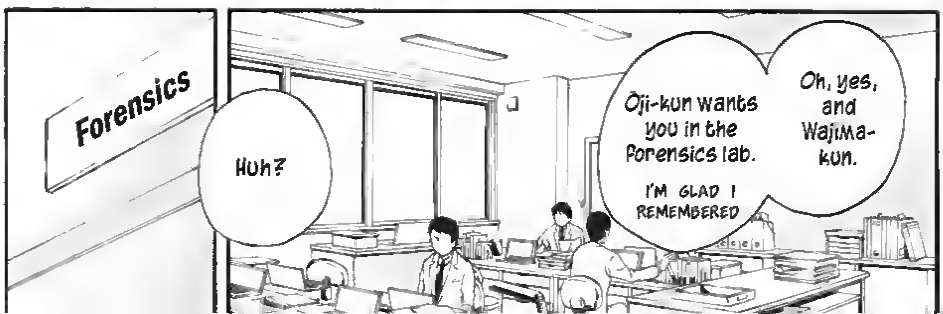

UHHH...
The Violent Crimes Division has decided not to get involved, you see.
About that rooftop hanging!!

Good luck, you two.
From both angles— suicide and homicide.

...Sigh...

...
Y...yes, sir! Thank you, sir!


Forensics
Huh?
Oji-kun wants you in the Forensics lab.
I'M GLAD I REMEMBERED
Oh, yes, and Wajima-kun.

Chief Yoshida told me to come! Did you finish the tests I asked for?
Hi there!
Ōji-san!
Crime Lab Investigator
Masahiko Ōji
Wajima...it was just like you said.
I sure did. The candy you asked about.
ZHRR
...Okay.
So we have three questions left.
Hmm, then it would seem that Akane is indeed our killer!
I knew it!

First, there's Hoshiko Ikeda's suicide note.
Second, the motive for murder.
Third, the dead cat in her apartment.
Those are the mysteries we need to solve.
Hmmm, that's a lot to figure out.
SIGH.
As for the second problem, Miss Miki might find some clues for us.
Not only is she very personable, she hardly looks older than a high-school girl.
The most important thing when questioning suspects is to keep their guard down, after all.
...
M...hmmm. I hope the doctors don't try to hit on her or anything...
ZZZ
Hm?
Heh. Worried, Watson?
SMIRK SMIRK
N-not really...
S...speak of the devil—it's Miki! Hello?

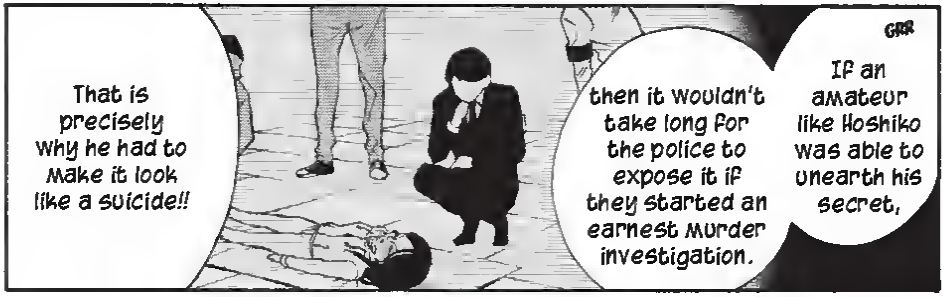
Takeru? I found some things about Dr. Akane's reputation.
Apparently there are some bad rumors going around.
Bad rumors?

Yes... Nothing has gone public yet.
And I don't know if it was professional courtesy or what,
but I couldn't get any details from the other doctors.

It sounded like he's making a lot of money through illegal practices
Illegal huh...?

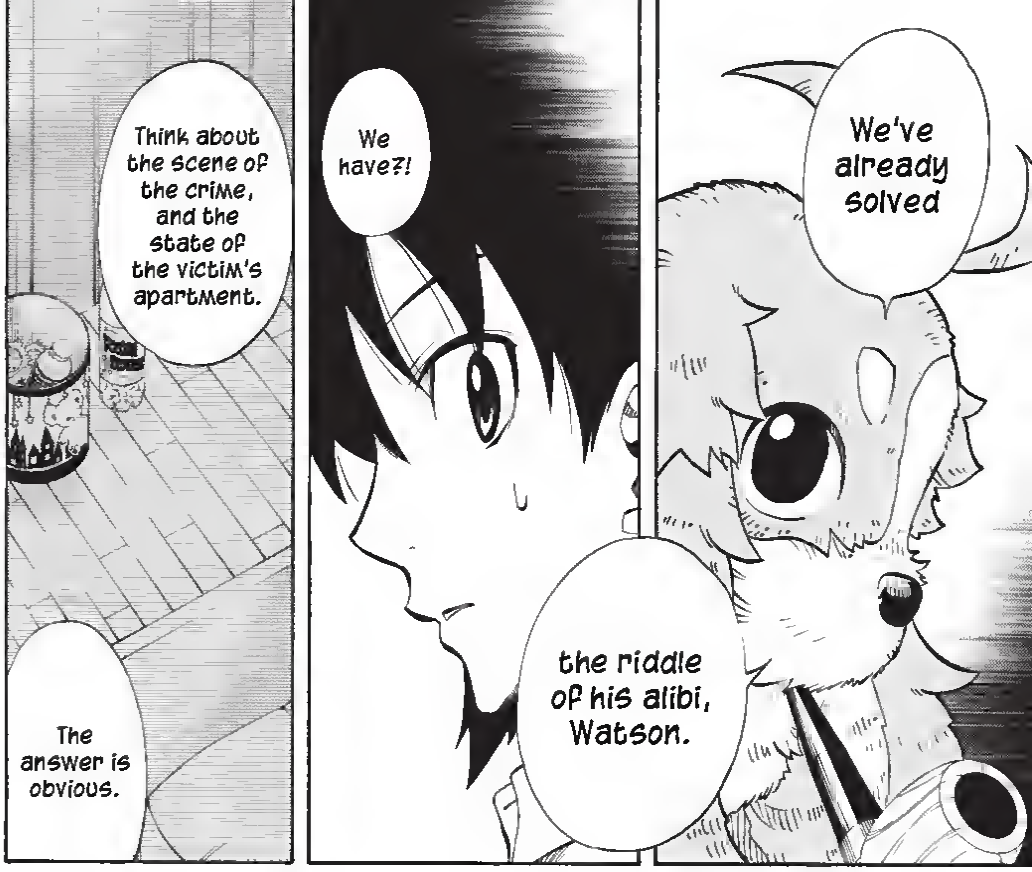
ARF!
That would be sufficient motive for murder!

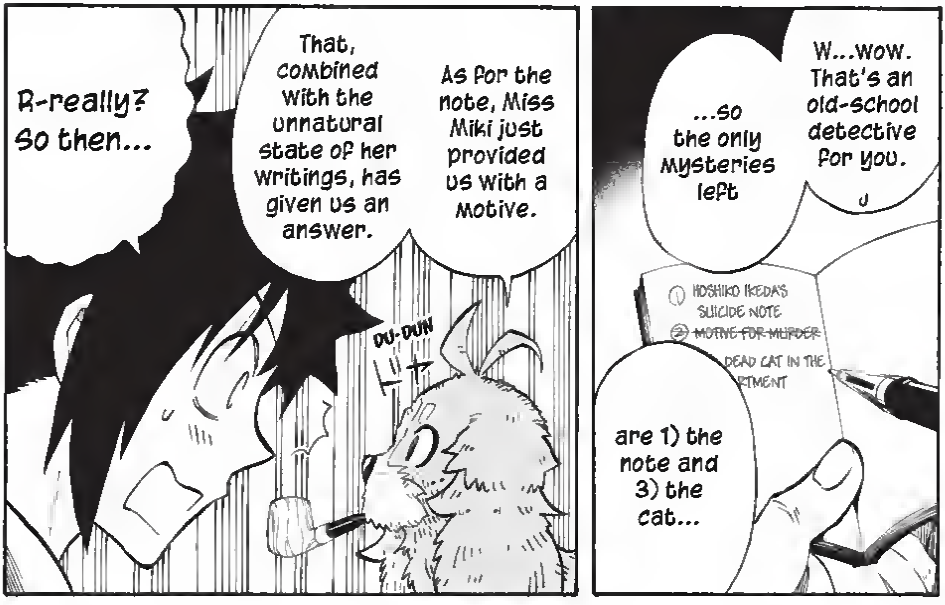
If that's why Hoshiko Ikeda's face turned out the way it did...
and then, in her search for revenge, she found some proof that would expose his illegal deeds...
Medical Pharmaceuticals IV

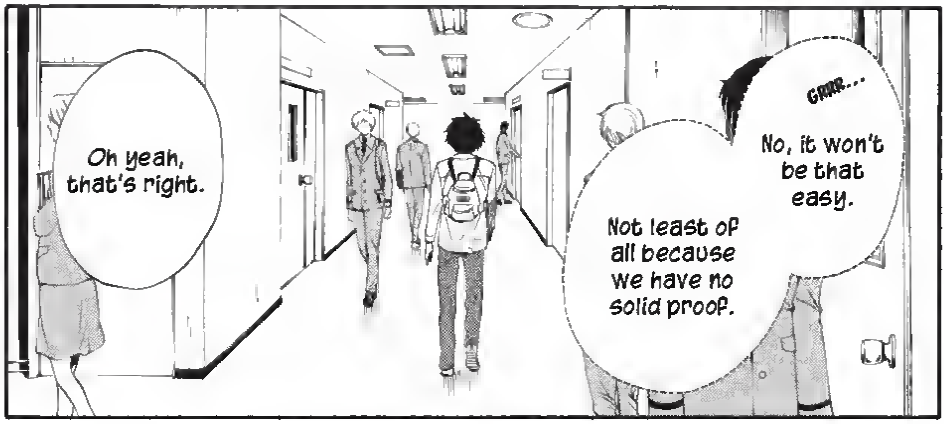

That is precisely why he had to make it look like a suicide!!
then it wouldn't take long for the police to expose it if they started an earnest murder investigation.
GRR
If an amateur like Hoshiko was able to unearth his secret,

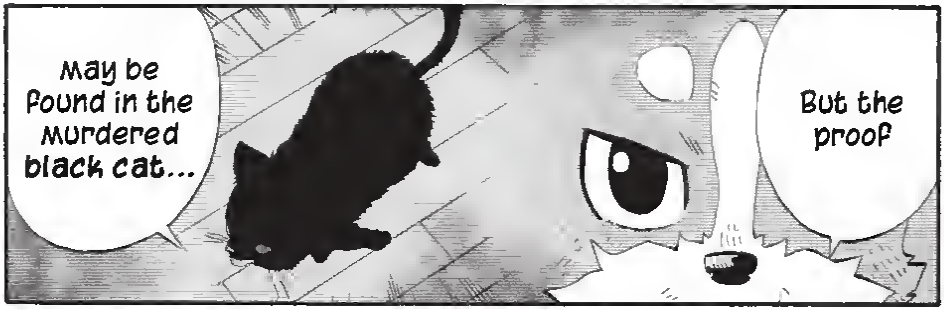
And Akane has an airtight alibi for her time of death.
But the fact is, it does look like suicide.

Wait a second! There's one more thing.
And what is that?
We're saying he made it look like a suicide...

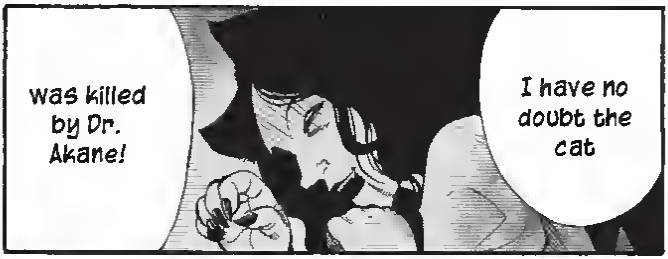

Think about the scene of the crime, and the state of the victim's apartment.
The answer is obvious.
We have?!
We've already solved
the riddle of his alibi, Watson.

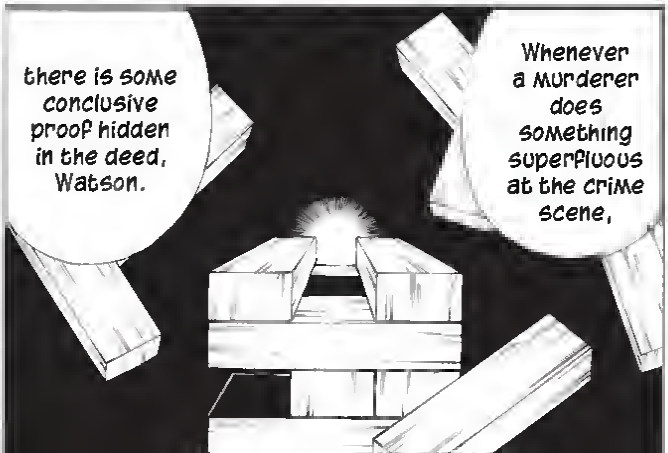

R-really? So then...
That, combined with the unnatural state of her writings, has given us an answer.
As for the note, Miss Miki just provided us with a motive.
DU-DUN
W...wow. That's an old-school detective for you.
...so the only mysteries left
① HOSHIKO IKEDA'S SUICIDE NOTE
② MOTIVE FOR MURDER
DEAD CAT IN THE ETMENT
are 1) the note and 3) the cat...


Oh yeah, that's right.
Not least of all because we have no solid proof.
GRRR...
No, it won't be that easy.


May be found in the murdered black cat...
But the proof

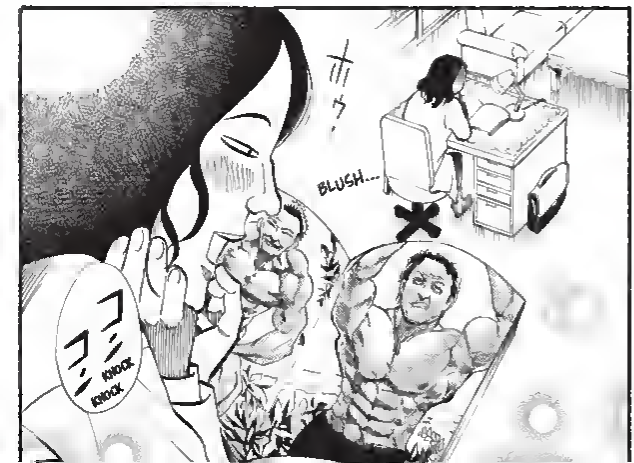
I get it. That means...
Quite so.

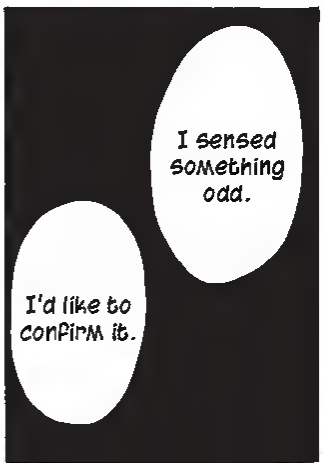

was killed by Dr. Akane!
I have no doubt the cat


there is some conclusive proof hidden in the deed, Watson.
Whenever a murderer does something superfluous at the crime scene,

Let us venture once more into his lair.
We have enough material in our hands
to change the expression on that iron mask of his!

When we talked to the man yesterday,
And there's one more thing.


BLUSH...
KNOCK KNOCK


I sensed something odd.
I'd like to confirm it.

Again?!
The young detective from yesterday is back to see you.
IRK
Sensei, sorry to bother you during your lunch break.
What is it?
FSH
Yes, Sensei.
Muscle!
Thank you. Have him wait in the reception room.
RUMMAGE RUMMAGE
THAT WON'T DO AT ALL.
Oops, We mustn't let him see that.
BAM
!
HALT
Ugh, during My special Muscle time...
MUTTER MUTTER
Okay, thanks.
Please, join me in the consulting room.
KACHAK
So sorry to keep you waiting!

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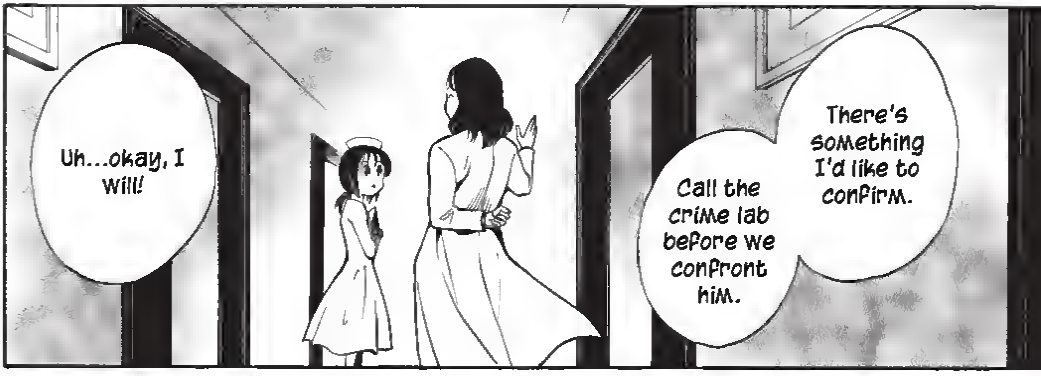
I have it!! I know the significance of the cat's death!!
ARF!!


Uh...okay, I will!
Call the crime lab before we confront him.
There's something I'd like to confirm.

Watson.
It's time for the finale.